

for certain laboratories and tissue banks; clarifying and correcting certain language relating to these laboratories and tissue banks; and generally relating to these laboratories and tissue banks, their standards and qualifications.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health

Section 34

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 34 of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

34.

(a) The [State Board] SECRETARY of Health and Mental Hygiene shall establish such minimum standards and qualifications for any laboratories and tissue banks in the counties of the State and in Baltimore City[, ] which make examinations in connection with the diagnosis and control of human diseases, or which [procures, processes, distributes, or sells] PROCURE, PROCESS, DISTRIBUTE, OR SELL human tissue, as [it] HE may consider necessary to assure to the citizens of the State these safe and reliable laboratory or health services, and HE shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for this purpose. Any person, partnership, association, or corporation desiring to open or maintain such a laboratory or tissue bank, except a physician performing laboratory examinations on his own patients, shall file with the [Board] SECRETARY an application setting forth the name of the owner, the types of laboratory or health services to be performed, and such other information as the [Board] SECRETARY may require; the [Board] SECRETARY shall cause an inspection to be made and, if in compliance with THE minimum [requirements] STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS, AND UPON PAYMENT OF THE FEES HEREIN AUTHORIZED, [it] HE shall issue a permit to operate. The [Board] SECRETARY shall conduct periodic inspections to assure continuing compliance. No person, partnership, association or corporation [shall] MAY operate such a laboratory or tissue bank without [such a] THIS permit; the [Board is authorized and empowered to] SECRETARY MAY refuse to issue, [to] suspend or [to] revoke a permit to